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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Re: New U.S. Patent Appln. Our Ref: 010482.52966US

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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OPTICAL DISC APPARATUS

Enclosed are:

- 1. Specification, including 7 claims (pages 1-23).
- 2. 7 Sheets of formal drawings showing Figs. 1-10.
- 3. Application Data Sheet.
- 4. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- 5. Assignment of the invention to Funai Electric Co., Ltd.
- 6. Certified copy of Priority Document 2002-338152 filed in Japan on November 21, 2002, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
- 7. Information Disclosure Statement w/2 references.
- 8. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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